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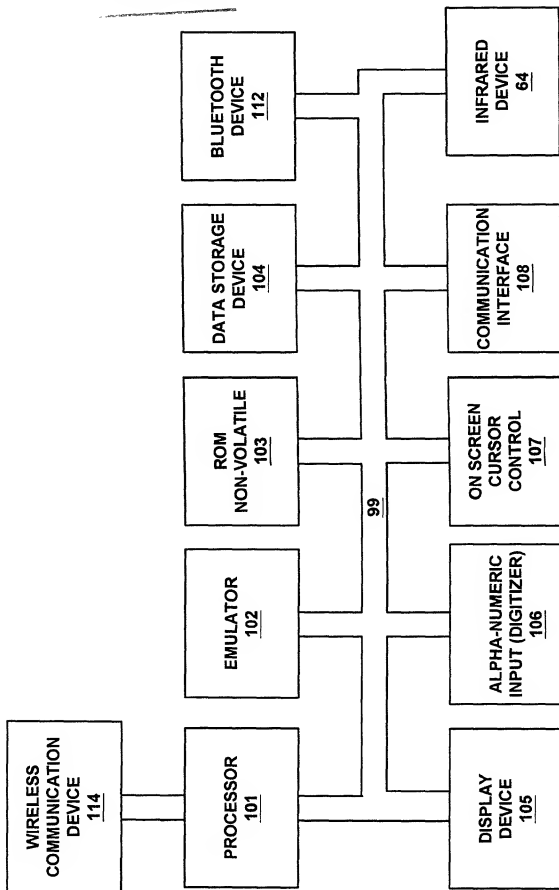


FIGURE 1



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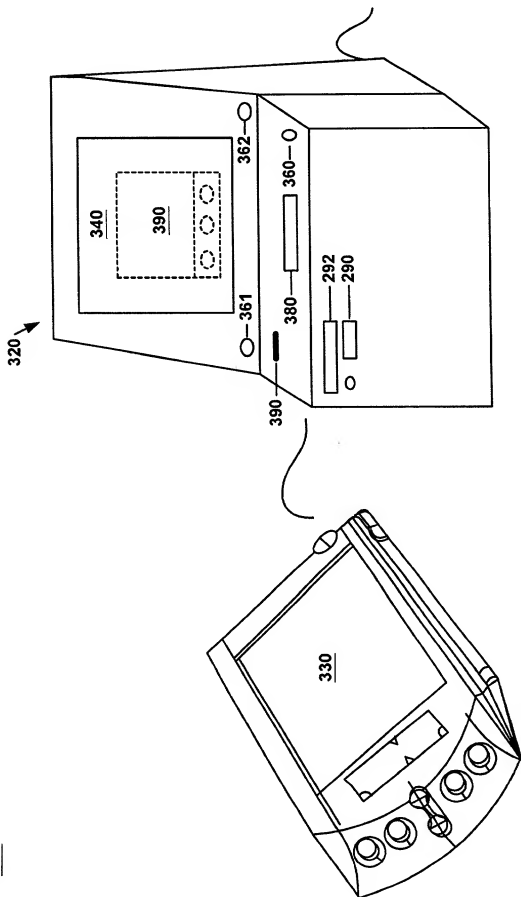


FIGURE 2



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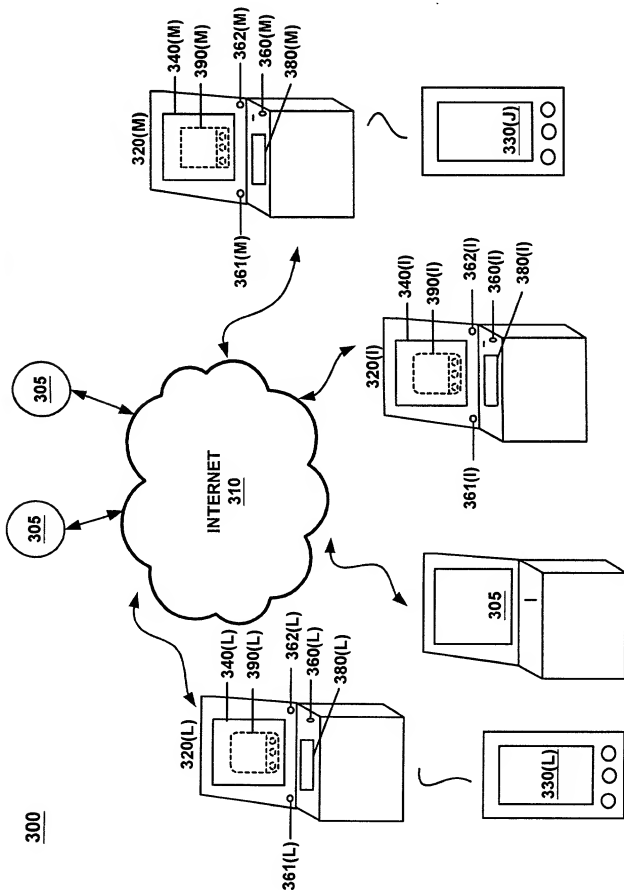


FIGURE 3



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<u>BASKETBALL</u>	
LAKERS V JAZZ	
JAZZ V CELTICS	
APPLICATION3	
APPLICATION4	
APPLICATION5	
APPLICATION6	
APPLICATION7	
APPLICATION8	
	<u>410</u>
<u>GAMES</u>	
SOLITAIRE	
HEARTS	
BRIDGE	
CHESS	
APPLICATION5	
APPLICATION6	
APPLICATION7	
APPLICATION8	
	<u>420</u>
<u>STOCKS</u>	
ABC	
XYZ	
AMC	
PALM	
3-COM	
APPLICATION6	
APPLICATION7	
APPLICATION8	
	<u>430</u>

FIGURE 4



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USER'S INACTIVE LIST

GAME (CHESS)

STOCK (XYZ, ACM ETC.)

NEW YORK MAP

PARIS MAP

SAN FRANCISCO MAP

LAKERS BASKETBALL

49RS FOOTBALL

CAR EXPENSES YTD

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FIGURE 5

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BEGIN

HANDHELD DEVICE ESTABLISHES COMMUNICATION WITH
SOFTWARE ATM AND IDENTIFIES ITSELF WITH CODE

710

THE SOFTWARE ATM DISPLAYS A DESIRED DIRECTORY OF
SOFTWARE TITLES OFFERED BY THE SOFTWARE ATM, DIRECTORY
IS ONE OF MANY AND THEY CAN BE CATEGORY BASED

720

THE USER SELECTS A SOFTWARE TITLE FROM THE DISPLAYED
DIRECTORY OR LISTING

730

THE USER CAN OPTIONALLY EMULATE THE SELECTED SOFTWARE
TITLE ON AN EMULATED IMAGE OF THE HANDHELD DEVICE WHICH
APPEARS ON THE DISPLAY OF THE SOFTWARE ATM

740

USER INITIATES PURCHASE OF THE SELECTED SOFTWARE TITLE

750

AFTER PURCHASE IS COMPLETE, THE SOFTWARE ATM DOWNLOADS
THE SELECTED SOFTWARE TITLE ONTO THE HANDHELD DEVICE
WHICH INSTALLS IT

760

END

FIGURE 6



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START

ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH SOFTWARE DISPENSING DEVICE
810

IDENTIFY THE USER'S ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO THE
SOFTWARE-DISPENSING DEVICE
820

DISPLAY THE DIRECTORY OF INACTIVE SOFTWARE AVAILABLE
830

SELECT A DESIRED INACTIVE COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM
FROM THE LIST OF INACTIVE SOFTWARE DISPLAYED ON
SOFTWARE-DISPENSING DEVICE
840

ACTIVATE THE SELECTED INACTIVE SOFTWARE PROGRAM
850

LOG-OFF
860

FIGURE 7



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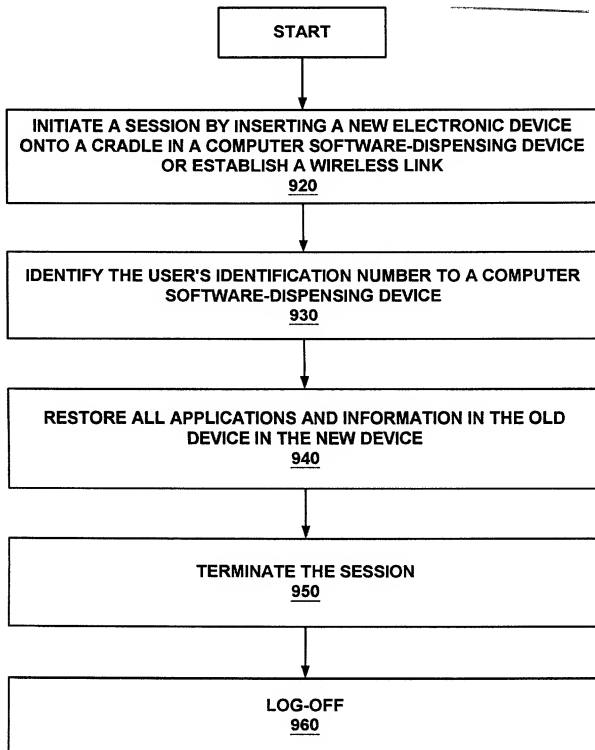


FIGURE 8



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APPLICATION5	* * *
APPLICATION6	* * * *
APPLICATION7	* * *
APPLICATION8	

GAMES	
APPLICATION1	* *
APPLICATION2	* * *
APPLICATION3	* *
APPLICATION4	*
APPLICATION5	* * *
APPLICATION6	* *
APPLICATION7	* * *
APPLICATION8	*

STOCKS	
APPLICATION1	* *
APPLICATION2	* * *
APPLICATION3	* *
APPLICATION4	*
APPLICATION5	*
APPLICATION6	* *
APPLICATION7	* * *
APPLICATION8	*

FIGURE 9